

## 2016 WARRANT



## TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

### Articles 2 through 14 are currently being considered for zoning amendments

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget** not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **four million, six hundred ninety seven thousand, five hundred twenty three dollars (\$4,697,523)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **four million, five hundred one thousand, eight hundred sixty four dollars (\$4,501,864)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other articles. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 15.** The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of the town departments.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)**, to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 16.** Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle and the year of replacement or refurbishment, \$110,000 must be allotted to the fund each year to ensure sufficient money is available at the time of scheduled replacement/refurbishment. The department has 6 trucks with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500)** for the purpose of planning, designing, and engineering to achieve a

solid estimate for construction of a new fire station to be located on Route 13 at Map 8 Lot 110-2.

(Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article 17.** The Fire Wards have asked for funding to supply the professional services of engineering for site work along with the design and architect's fees for the complete detailed planning of the new fire station which will most likely come before the voters in 2017. In order to have a precise and complete presentation and plan it is necessary to have the above services done first a year ahead.

**Article 18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **one hundred ninety six thousand three hundred dollars (\$196,300)** for the purpose of replacing the radio building and antenna tower at the cul de sac on Ridgeview Drive that serves the Town's emergency services. In addition, fire proofing the area and installing a security fence around the building and tower would be part of the plan. Said project is a collaborative effort by the Police, Fire and Highway Departments who will benefit from this upgrade, the sum of **ninety eight thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$98,150)**, which is 50%, to be funded through a State of NH EMPG grant and **ninety eight thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$98,150)** to come from fund balance with no amount to be raised through taxation. This is contingent on receiving the NH EMPG Grant and is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2021.

(Majority Vote Required) (Selectman and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article 18.** This is contingent on receiving a grant from the State of NH for 50% amounting to \$98,150. The communications abilities via the radio dispatching services in the Police, Highway and Fire Departments have been minimal and have historically presented problems for the police dispatching in particular. Having the possibility of receiving a 50% grant is an opportune situation for solving this problem at a reasonable cost.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 19.** The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the future replacement of a small dump truck plus the three regular six wheelers and one 10-wheel dump. The smaller truck has a life expectancy of 10 years and the larger trucks 15 years plus. If prudent, a replaced truck may be kept off line for back up and to plow snow.

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** to be used for the 2021 complete town wide revaluation. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 20.** State Law requires the Town to undertake a complete revaluation or update every five years. In order to alleviate a large appropriation request of \$160,000 for the scheduled update in 2021, it is more prudent to raise funds in annual increments.

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** for the purpose of completing the required revaluation update due in 2016 as required by law (every five years) and furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** from the Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 21.** This update is dictated by State Law and is required in order to keep the town's property appraisals up to date.

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 22.** This fund allows for the future replacement of the loader, grader, and the backhoe on a 12-15 year replacement cycle.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of improvements **on Dougherty Lane.** This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 23.** This year's request is an ongoing effort to continue construction on various locations in Town. The Dougherty Lane Bridge has been closed for four years and the road on both sides needs to be rebuilt along with the bridge repair in order to make it safer and also meet the standards as prescribed by the Road Agent.

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 24.** The funding under this Warrant Article is consistent with the CIP recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. In order to keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the future, the Road Agent has a long term plan for the future upkeep and construction. In order not to spike the appropriation for some years, the CIP Committee spread the Capital Reserve funding to be consistent each year.

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand four hundred fifty eight dollars (\$2,458.00)** to be added to the expendable trust fund established in 2014 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of police 'detail' coverage incurred by New Boston non-profits when they sponsor public events in New Boston that require security (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article 25.** This article is designed to make the amount expendable by the Selectmen as needed and unspent funds may be carried over from year to year. Each year it is

intended that this fund be replenished to the \$2,500 amount. In 2016 the fund was depleted by \$2,458.00 with a balance of \$42.00.

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Riverdale Road Capital Reserve Fund with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Article 27.** To act on any other business that may legally come before this meeting.